

Leino Park Water District (LPWD)
Board of Commissioners' Meeting - January 8, 2009

1. Call to Order at 6:35 PM

- Members present: Sue Miller (SM), Dave Crumbley (DC), Rick Plante (RP), Bob Brown (BB), Don Williams (DW) and Derek Knerr (DK).
- Guests present: Paul Guertin (PG), P.E., Group Manager at Coler & Colantonio, an engineering firm. Paul was formerly a principal owner of the engineering firm, S.E.A.

2. Review and Approve Minutes - Minutes of 12/04/08 approved.

3. Reports

A. Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):

- **Receipts** - Received \$225 for partial payment of a water bill. There are still 5 households with outstanding water bills.
- **Expenditures** - \$3,944 was paid out for water testing, utilities, another registry of deeds expense, and our water bill to the Town of Westminster.

B. Water Commissioner Report: It was agreed to defer the rest of the meeting items until the February meeting and to spend the remainder of the meeting in discussion with our guest, Paul Guertin, about legal ownership.

- **Budget** -
- **Billing** -
- **Maintenance of lines and meters** -
- **Quality** -

C. Bridge Report

- **Legal ownership** - DC reported that our lawyer has informed us that the City of Fitchburg deed has been drafted and is awaiting approval and signature. Also, our lawyer has notified us that the State legislature is expected to discuss our charter change in the near future. DC reported that he brought a copy of our existing charter and a copy of the proposed changes to Karen Murphy (Westminster administrator) to see if the town would have any objections. Karen indicated that there should not be any. Once we have a deed giving LPWD rights to the bridge, and the charter changes, giving us the authority to do so, we can apply for grant money.
- **PG:** PG called DC because the Governor has pushed through a bridge repair bill that would fund projects such as ours, and of course there is the president elect's stimulus package that would also apply to projects like ours. PG would like bridge to be funded by the Governor's bill, however plans would have to be done and ready to go within 180 days. Even if we had ownership, there is not enough time. Money will be available however... there is a mandate that all bridges with a span of less than 20 feet will be designated as owned by the town, and bridges with a span of greater than 20 feet, will be owned by state. Our bridge spans 210 feet. It is PG's belief that we should not spend any money until this mandate determines if the state will take possession.

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- Discussion continued: If the state got involved, the bridge would most likely have to build to their specifications. Questions about what the state would require for the bridge (two lanes?) and if properties would have to be taken by eminent domain, remain unanswered. Even if we decided to proceed with the project today, it would still be 18 months before actual construction could begin, as it would take that long to draft plans and get approvals. There are still lots of unanswered questions.
- If politically correct, (and there is no conflict with SEA), PG would like us to consider Cober & Colantonio as a choice for engineering firms. The Board will consider this at a future meeting.
- **Time frames -**
- **Replacement funds -**

D. Maintenance Report

- **Meters** - Item deferred until next meeting.
- **Roads** - Item deferred until next meeting.

E. Communication Report

- **Website** - LPWD.net and is up and running. Check it out.
- **Email** - Our email address is LPWD@comcast.net
- Meeting minutes and the current water quality report will be posted on the website shortly.
- Voice mail -

4. Old Business: These items will be discussed at the next meeting:

- SM has yet to re-contact the Historical Society to verify the information that we gave them.
- BB will invite water district members from the Holmes Park Water District to our next meeting.

5. New Business - From previous meeting: The Westminster 250th Anniversary Committee has asked LPWD to enter a float or march in their parade on September 27, 2009. Please contact any of us if interested.

6. Open Forum - none

7. Adjournment at 7:34 PM

8. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be Thursday February 5th 2009, 6:30 PM at 15 Old Oak Ave.

Respectively submitted

Derek Knerr - Clerk/Moderator